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MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

1st Sunday
in Advent
Nov. 30th

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CHERRYLOGUE

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Our Advent and Christmas Festivities

November 29th – The first Sunday of Advent

8:25 and 10:55 Worship Services

5:00 pm Worship at Brooks Hill

December 2nd

6:00 pm – Decorating Angel Tree of Hope

December 4th

5:30 pm – DFACS Christmas Party

December 6th – Second Sunday of Advent

8:25 and 10:55 Worship Services

5:00 pm Worship at Brooks Hill

December 11th and 12th

6:00 pm Renaissance Feast

December 13th – Third Sunday of Advent

8:25 and 10:55 Worship Services

5:00 pm Worship at Brooks Hill

December 20th – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:25 and 10:55 Worship Services (Christmas Cantata)

5:00 pm Worship at Brooks Hill

December 21st

3:45 pm - Labyrinth Walk

5:00 pm – Longest Night Service

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service

5:00 pm Family and Children's Service

6:30 pm Musical Interlude

7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service

Toys for Tots

We will start collecting new, unwrapped toys and monetary donations this Sunday for the children of Gilmer and Fannin Counties. There will be a box for the toys and a jar for the monetary donations in the Fellowship Hall. We appreciate your help and will accept toys through December 13. All toys and proceeds benefit the children of Gilmer & Fannin Counties.



Clothes Closet Notes

"A Christmas Story"

A few weeks ago someone donated 3 artificial Christmas Trees to the Clothes Closet. Our hard working Tuesday Team, made up of Cheri Thompson, Judy Weiland and Carolyn Lakes, who go through all donations and restock each week didn't know quite what to do with them since our space is limited. They decided to leave them on the porch with a note saying "free Christmas trees" They were gone within a few days.

The following Tuesday when volunteers Janet Tripp and Lynn Starr were manning the Closet a young lady came in, looked around and later asked "do you have any Christmas trees?" Lynn Starr thought a minute and replied " I am scaling down this year and using a smaller tree. If you come back the next time I volunteer I will bring the tree I am replacing this year and have it here for you". The customer agreed quickly. We hope to see her the first Tuesday in December.

I guess our folks need Christmas trees too. I say thank you to all our thoughtful and hard working volunteers and to all of you who keep us "stocked up" continuously.

Disciples Women

Disciples Women to Help Homeless Dominican Youth

Proyecto Educativo Caminante is a project to get at-risk youth off the streets and out of the sex trade, and to give them hope for the future. Henry Brewer-Calvert, grandson of Nancy and Don Brewer, is interning with this project in Boca Chica, Dominican Republic. Last year, we sent school bags; this year, we are sending underwear for boys age 12-15 who are sleeping under bridges. We want to send 30 boxer briefs (boys medium and large) and 30 t-shirts (boys small, adult small and medium). These items can be bought in packs of three at Walmart and Dollar General. If you would like to help, please leave the items in the children's classroom at the end of the hall, or give to any Disciples Woman for delivery shortly after Christmas. Please Google this project to find out more about their work!--Nancy Zimmerman, President



FROM MY HEART.....

TO YOUR HEART

There can be quite a contrast in the experiences of waiting for Christmas during December.

Before Thanksgiving many of the stores and restaurants are already decorated, Christmas music is playing and one could think Christmas is almost here. There is a “holly, jolly” mood in the air. One can feel the emotional excitement of preparing for a big party, a party that includes tables loaded with food, lots to drink, and even presents! We have an excuse to go all out because it is Christmas!

Yet as we enter Church it is not Christmas, not yet. The church is in the season of Advent, the season of waiting. Many have not honed the virtue of waiting. We like instant gratification. We do not have time to cook our lives slowly like one would cook a choice roast or leg of lamb. Surely watching a pot will make it boil quicker!

Advent is waiting for a savior, but not some external savior. The world is waiting for a savior to be born within. We are waiting for the birth of transformation. Of course that is not an immediate process; change within is slow.

Our world needs a savior. Of course we could take the impatient route and blow up everyone who looks like a terrorist or is from a foreign country. We could eradicate people who disagree with us and who protest in a civil manner. We can govern through intimidation and fear – that would get immediate results. We could demonize and polarize men and women, Blacks and Whites, rich and poor, citizens and immigrants, the Left and the Right.

The church is an alternative, counter-cultural voice at this season of the year. The church is a voice of waiting, waiting for God to come to us. It is a time of waiting for us to finally “get” the subtleness of God. God is not revealed in impatience.

“Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We would like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet, it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability - and that it may take a long time. Above all, trust in the slow work of God, our loving vine-dresser.” (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)

I encourage you to choose the slow process of Advent over the craziness of this world.



Voices OF CHERRY LOG

**“A friend is one of the
nicest things you can
have, and one of the
best things you can be.”
~Douglas Pagels**



Zandra Benton

Born in FL, raised in Atlanta area; came to mountains after husband's death; lost mother soon after, "she was my best friend"; met Jason in 2011; professional career, legal assistant, partly working from home; part time bookkeeping for interior decorator; commutes to Atlanta 3 days per week

Enjoys cooking, kayaking, hiking, gardening, landscaping – anything outdoors; black cat named Spider

CLCC: "First visit we knew it was the right place—it felt right. Everyone welcomed us...so many great people.

When we learned of the outreach ministries that 'sealed the deal' for me.

We tried Celebrate Early and liked the time, but missed the traditional service.



Sue Moore

Born and raised in a wonderful cotton mill village of LaGrange (ask her)! Studied secretarial science at GSCW (shared class with Ann Doster); professional life: teaching, parenting, volunteering; lost husband 1995; Ray (their best friends) lost his wife, so they married as closest friends; share 5 children;

Enjoys outdoors, gardening (deer made her a "container gardner"); in church choirs entire life; enjoys one-day motorcycle rides – not long road trips; love animals, but with pets we "can't ride off in the sunset"

CLCC: captured by open hearts, open minds, open doors; "The day we became members was the most moving day of my life; now it's our church!"

Peyton Peugh

She was dedicated to CLCC in the church on the hill in 2003. She was baptized at the church in 2010. Peyton is an 8th grader at Fannin Middle School and spends a great deal of time playing tennis and preparing to be on the high school team next year.

CLCC: Peyton says she has enjoyed growing up at CLCC and it feels like home. She loves: preparing and serving communion, meeting new kids in church, going to Tower Road to be with those kids, Georgia Meyer, Youth Assembly at Epworth by the Sea, friends at church, FYSH, church trips.



Gloria Hitt

Born in Seattle and grew up in Snoqualmie, WA. She attended the University of Washington and became a nurse. She moved to Georgia in 1968 and worked for Boeing Aircraft in their adhesive research division. She also worked at Cobb General Hospital in the Psychiatric Unit, then Fannin Regional. Gloria has volunteered with the clothes closet and in her spare time, loves reading.

CLCC: Gloria was coaxed into attending CLCC by her dear friend, Betty Gardin, and she loved it and felt that it was the friendliest church she had ever attended so she joined around 2010.

Musical Offerings for December

The month of December always offers many magical musical moments. This year is no exception. From handbells, flugelhorn and recorders to soloists and choir December is full of exciting music. We are filled with anticipation during advent and we celebrate Christmas Eve and Christmas all in this special month. The choir will present a cantata on December 20th entitled "Emmanuel" that is based on the chant "Veni Emmanuel" and includes new and familiar carols. Mark your calendars now for this special event. You will also want to plan to attend our Longest Night service at 5:00 on Monday, December 21st in the fellowship hall. We offer a children's Christmas Eve on the 24th at 5:00 in the fellowship hall. At 6:30 we will have our fifteenth annual concert/prelude to our 7:00 candle light Christmas Eve service. Invite a friend to join you for one or more of these services. I hope for each of you that this season is filled with growth, anticipation and excitement!

November 29, 2015 First Sunday in Advent Hymns - Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates, O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Prepare the Way of the Lord, Blessed Be the God of Israel, Take Our Bread, Jesus Shall Reign, Emmanuel, Emmanuel Anthem - Lo How a Rose by M. Praetorius

December 6, 2015 Second Sunday in Advent Hymns - O Day of God, Draw Nigh, Take Our Bread, All Earth is Waiting, Emmanuel, Emmanuel Anthem - Prepare the Way of the Lord by W. Rowan with Solo - Phil Miller Offertory - O Magnum Mysterium by de Victoria performed by the Cherry Log Consort Music During Communion - Jere Paige - Flugelhorn

December 13, 2015 Third Sunday in Advent Prelude - Handbells Hymns - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Prepare the Way of the Lord, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, Take Our Bread, God Dismiss Us With Your Blessing, Emmanuel, Emmanuel Anthem - From All That Dwell Below the Skies by G. Young Music During Communion - handbells

December 20, 2015 Fourth Sunday
The Chancel Choir Presents "Emmanuel" by Eugene Butler

December 27, 2015 First Sunday of Christmastide
Hymns - Joy to the World, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, Away in a Manger, What Child Is This, Good Christian Friends, Rejoice, Go, Tell it on the Mountain
Anthem - O Sanctissima by de Victoria

The Sounds of Celebrate Early in Advent

November 29 "Jesu. Joy of Man's Desiring" Bill and Cheryl Star

"Keep Silence" Celebrate Early Singers with Randy Wilbur, bassoon

December 6 "Alleluia for Advent" Celebrate Early Singers with Cheryl Star, flute

"Despised and Poor" by Bach, Cherry Log Consort

"Magnum Mysterium" by Victoria, Cherry Log Consort

December 13 "Emmanuel" and "What Can I Bring Him?" Sung by Emilyn Slemons

December 20 "A Prelude to Advent" Celebrate Early Singers

"For Unto Us a Child is Born" by Handel, Ida Anne Clark and Robin Norsworthy, piano

Who hears music, feels his solitude peopled at once." — Robert Browning

Angel Tree of Hope, Wednesday, December 2, 6 to 7 PM

Mark your Calendars for our Annual Angel Tree Celebration on Wednesday evening, December 2, from 6 PM to 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will already have the Angel Tree decorated but will add decorations that will include the hopes of each of us. Join us that evening as we hang our hopes on the tree, sing some Christmas carols, have entertainment by a wonderful quartet (Charles Walls, Don and Ronald Midkiff, and Bob Clarke, and watch a Movie – “**The Gift of the Magi**” based on the classic O. Henry short story.

Angel Tree of Hope
Wednesday, December 2
6 PM



No need to bring desserts this year as we will have popcorn, Christmas cookies, and warm cider with a stick of peppermint. Just bring yourselves as we share our hopes for our families, our communities, our church and our world. The Angel Tree has long been a tradition of this church and this year we will put a new peppermint twist on the tradition.

See you on Wednesday, December 2 from 6 PM to 7 PM.

Longest Night Service

Christmas can be a difficult time for many people. During the holidays we remember those who are no longer in our lives through death, divorce or have moved long distances. Some people feel left out and alone. There are parties and caroling but we feel excluded. Many feel “blue” during the festivities of the holidays.

We need to recognize these feelings and actually honor these feelings. Emotions left unattended do not go away but only grow and make things worse for us.

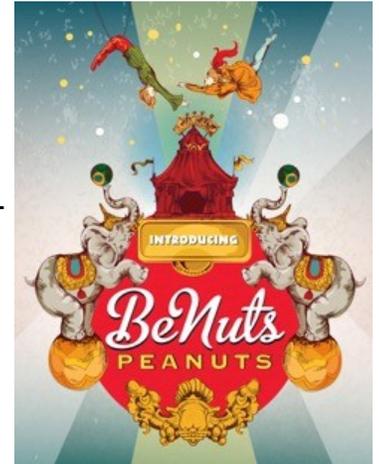
Cherry Log Christian Church is sponsoring The Longest Night Service on Sunday, December 21st at 5:00 pm. The service will acknowledge the difficulty we are having with the Christmas holidays and we will seek healing as we confess our sufferings. Communion will be serviced at the service. Nursery will also be provided. The service will be in the Fellowship Hall.



BeNuts Peanuts!

Thanks to all who have been buying, selling, and eating BeNuts Peanuts.

Sunday, the 15th, we sold over one hundred bags! We have had to place another order to ensure we will have enough for everyone for Christmas.



Gratitude goes out to all who helped at “Light Up Blue Ridge” and “Light Up Ellijay.” Our worker Bee’s are fantastic! As are the BeNuts!

Legacy Partners Silent Auction

The “Cranberry Goose” needs a new home. It rests on the credenza in the Narthex as it waits to be part of your art collection or a thoughtful gift. The beautiful signed sculpture (by Donn Smith) is made of Mexican alabaster and rests on a white marble disc. It is valued at \$800 - \$900. (Minimum bid is \$500) Proceeds will benefit the Legacy Partners Foundation to help ensure CLCC’s good community work will continue into the future. If interested, please contact idaanneclarke5@gmail.com



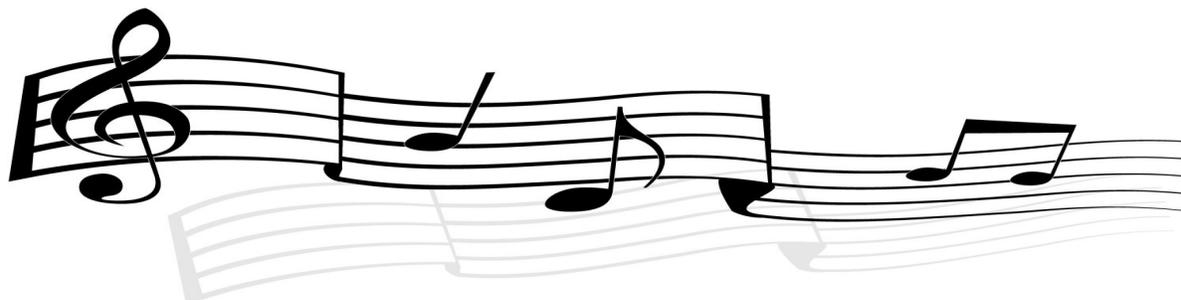
Music Committee

Our church is so fortunate to have wonderful music programs in both services. That privilege requires an ongoing purchase of music for both services that will spiritually enrich both the Celebrate Early and the 10:55 service. The Music Committee has discussed a way in which, if you wish, donations may be made to the music programs of the church by “sponsoring” an anthem, or purchasing other supporting music. Sponsoring an anthem or music for instrumental use would give the donor the opportunity to honor or remember a loved one or a life event by giving the money for purchase of the anthem or instrumental music. The particular music purchased would be guided by the music committee, Richard Lumpkin, and Robin Norsworthy. This donation would then be acknowledged in the bulletin on the Sunday when it is performed.

In general, an anthem purchased for the choir or Celebrate Early Ensemble would necessitate purchase of 10-50 copies, with an estimated price range of \$50-\$150. Instrumental music for offertories, preludes, etc. would range from \$25-\$35. However, a set price would be determined at the time of purchase.

Please consider this as a way to not only add to the richness of our services, but as a very meaningful way to celebrate special people and events in our lives.

If you wish further information regarding these donations, please contact Richard through the church office or Cathy Smith at 706-669-1729.



Did you get your tickets to the Renaissance Feast yet?

December 11 or 12 at 6:00pm

Adults \$20, Children \$10

If not, you need to call the church office right away! There are 26 costumed characters, including a jester, Knight, Lord of the manor, and even Queen Elizabeth looking forward to serenading you in song and with instruments as you enjoy a sumptuous feast complete with riddles and puzzles.

Have you considered giving tickets to those on your gift list who would enjoy a fun evening out? This would be a great time to introduce some new people to our church. If you can't attend why not sponsor a needy couple or some of our friends at Brooks Hill?



Renaissance Feast!
A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
TO BENEFIT LOCAL FAMILIES
IN NEED THIS SEASON

**6:00 PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 11 & 12 AT
CHERRY LOG CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

1149 Cherry Log Street
Cherry Log, GA 30522
706-632-1048

*An evening of music
and entertainment in
a Medieval setting.
The festive dinner will
include Cornish game hens,
wild rice, green peas,
waddie salad, hot mulled
cider, flaming figgy pudding
and other delightful
surprises—all in the
traditional style of
Elizabethan England!*

LIMITED TO
100 GUESTS
EACH NIGHT!

TICKETS: ADULTS \$20; CHILDREN \$10
Can't attend? Sponsor a Guest

We hope you'll find time during this Advent season to experience this unique event celebrating the joy of Christmas here at Cherry Log Castle!

Cheryl Star

From the Lives We Knew, by Phil Miller

The Seekers Class will read and discuss Phil Miller's book, *From the Lives We Knew*, for several weeks starting in December. Newcomers are welcome!

Phil will be available to sign copies of his book in the fellowship hall after each worship service on Sunday, November 29th. The cost is \$12 for the paperback. The book is also available on Kindle through Amazon.com for those who prefer to read it that way.



Dec. 01	Becky Walls	Dec. 17	Paul Porter
Dec. 04	Beth Roberts	Dec. 19	Katie Griffin
Dec. 05	Jim Colwell		Steve Stevens
	Harry Doss	Dec. 25	Judy Barrett
	Dorothy Morford	Dec. 26	Jack Senterfitt
Dec. 06	Velda Harrison	Dec. 27	Joan Dickinson
Dec. 07	Joan Pettit	Dec. 28	Lauree Johnson
Dec. 09	Melissa Montes		Jordan Merideth
Dec. 13	Ida-Anne Clarke	Dec. 29	Rosemary Wilmot
Dec. 14	Becky Baker	Dec. 30	Julie Johnson
	Shirley Brewer		Parker Peugh
Dec. 15	Kay Vanderhooft		
Dec. 16	John Sugg		



Dec. 08	George & Judy Barrett	(49)
Dec. 11	Ham & Jane Kimzey	(33)
Dec. 11	Chuck & Nancy Zimmerman	(39)
Dec. 26	Tim Anderson & Tom Bomhard	(17)
Dec. 26	Gary & Betty Schaefer	(49)



October Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$34,818.00

Expenses: \$36,719.27.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$388,032.00

Year to date Expenses: \$397,428.00

ATTENDANCE

	C. E. 8:25	10:55 Worship
Nov. 01	50	132
Nov. 08	47	131
Nov. 15	49	112
Nov. 22	48	136

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made in November:

In Honor of:

Kipling & Meek Families

All Garden for Others volunteers

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund \$1,100.00